

**OUTDOOR RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE AMENDMENTS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jeffrey D. Stenquist**

Senate Sponsor: Ronald M. Winterton

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**LONG TITLE**

**Committee Note:**

The Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee recommended this bill.

Legislative Vote: 8 voting for 1 voting against 5 absent

**General Description:**

This bill makes changes related to outdoor recreation infrastructure.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- clarifies the definition for outdoor recreation infrastructure;

**↗ ▸ includes additional authorized uses for funds in the Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure**

**Restricted Account; ↖**

▸ allows the division to reimburse itself for costs from the Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account; and

- makes technical changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**51-9-901**, as enacted by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 77

**51-9-902**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2023, Chapters 183, 471



[~~(c)~~] water recreation infrastructure, including a pier, dock, or boat ramp; or]

[~~(d)~~] outdoor recreation facilities that are accessible to visitors with disabilities.]

[~~(2)~~] (1) There is created within the General Fund a restricted account known as the "Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account."

[~~(3)~~] (2) The account shall consist of:

(a) money deposited into the account under Subsection 59-12-103(15); and

(b) interest and earnings on money in the account.

[~~(4)~~] (3) Subject to appropriation from the Legislature, money from the account shall be used for:

(a) new construction of outdoor recreation infrastructure;

(b) upgrades of outdoor recreation infrastructure;

(c) the replacement of or structural improvements to outdoor recreation infrastructure;

(d) the acquisition of land, a right-of-way, or easement used in relationship to outdoor recreation infrastructure; ~~H→~~ [or] ~~←H~~

(e) providing access from state highways, as defined in Section 72-1-102, to outdoor recreation infrastructure ~~H→~~ [:] ;

**(f) the costs associated with bringing new construction or upgrades of outdoor recreation infrastructure into environmental compliance; or**

**(g) strategic planning related to the development of outdoor recreation infrastructure.**

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[~~(5)~~] (4) For each fiscal year, beginning with fiscal year 2023-2024, the Division of Finance shall, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, distribute money from the Outdoor Adventure Infrastructure Restricted Account as follows:

(a) at least 15% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of State Parks - Capital, to be expended using the department's existing prioritization process for capital projects in state parks described in Subsection [~~(4)~~] (3);

(b) at least 22% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of Outdoor Recreation - Capital, to be expended for competitive Recreation Restoration Infrastructure grants or Outdoor Recreational Infrastructure grants for outdoor recreation capital projects and related maintenance expenses, where maintenance expenses do not exceed 15% of the appropriation; and

(c) at least 53% to the Department of Natural Resources - Division of Outdoor Recreation - Capital, to be expended for larger outdoor recreation infrastructure projects described in Subsection ~~H→~~ [3] (3) ~~←H~~ as recommended to the Legislature by the Outdoor

Adventure

Commission [~~described in Subsection (4)~~].